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SUBJECT: ITT NEGOTIATIONS

REF: LISBON 3175

- 1. ITT VICE PRESIDENT LUKE HELD THREE-HOUR MEETING WITH GOP MINISTER OF INDUSTRY NOBRE DA COSTA ON MAY 19. LUKE DESCRIBED MEETING AS VERY CORDIAL AND STATES THAT PARTIES HAVE AGREED ON MODUS OPERANDI FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS. GOP/ITT WILL NOT ATTEMPT NEGOTIATE ALL/ENCOMPASSING AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE BUT WILL TRY RESOLVE PROBLEMS OF COMPANIES ONE AT A TIME. FOLLOWING DETAILS PROVIDED BY LUKE.
- 2. FIRST CASE TO BE TACKLED WILL BE IMPRIMARTE. FIRM WILL BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH PORTUGUESE TELEPHONE COMPANY OVER LONG-TERM CONTRACTS TO PRINT PHONE DIRECTORIES AS SOON AS DRAFT CONTRACT CAN BE PREPARED. ONCE IMPRIMARTE PROBLEM IS SETTELED, GOP/ITT WILL BEGIN DISCUSSIONS ON SHERATON WHICH BE BE FOLLOWED BY STANDARD ELECTRIC TALKS AND FINALLY OLIVA AND/OR RABOR.

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3. PORTUGUESE BANKING SYSTEM WILL LOAN \$5 MILLION TO ITT AND GOP WILL AUTHORIZE EXPORT OF THESE FUNDS TO PAY LOAN TO GERMAN BANKS. IN ADDITION, GOP/ITT HAVE TENTATIVELY AGREED THAT ITT DIRECT \$5 MILLION LOAN TO ITS PORTUGUESE SUBSIDIARIES AND ANOTHER \$8 MILLION IN INTER-COMPANY DEBT WILL BE PAID OFF AND REMITTED OVER NEXT THREE YEARS. INTEREST RATES AND EXACT TIMING NOT

YET DEFINITE. BANKING SYSTEM WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE OPERATING FUNDS TO OLIVA. NOBRE DA COSTA APPEARED TO RECOGNIZE NEED TO LAY-OFF WORKERS AT STANDARD ELECTRIC AND TO PHASE OUT SEMI-CONDUCTOR FABRICATION.

4. ACCORDING LUKE, NOBRE DA COSTA STATED THAT HE HAS INSTRUCTION FROM PRIME MINISTER TO RESOLVE ITT PROBLEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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